

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2553–S2646*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2403–2415, and S. Res. 286–290. **Pages S2616–17**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–261)

S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 106–262)

S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–263)

S. 1797, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–264)

S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama. (S. Rept. No. 106–265)

S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–266)

S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–267)

S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–268)

H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment. (S. Rept. No. 106–269)

H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State. (S. Rept. No. 106–270)

H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war.

H. Con. Res. 269, commending the Library of Congress and its staff for 200 years of outstanding service to the Congress and the Nation and encouraging the American public to participate in bicentennial activities. **Pages S2615–16**

### Measures Passed:

**Worker Economic Opportunity Act:** By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 81), Senate passed S. 2323, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the treatment of stock options under the Act. **Pages S2575–86**

**National Peace Officer's Memorial Service:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

**Library of Congress 200th Birthday Celebration:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 279, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

**Center for the Performing Arts Performances:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

**Senate Chamber Photograph:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

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**Smithsonian Institution Appointment:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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**Smithsonian Institution Appointment:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 41, providing for the appointment of Sheila E. Widnall as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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**Smithsonian Institution Appointment:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, providing for the reappointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S2587–88, S2590–S2600

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate proceed to vote on the cloture motion on Amendment No. 3090 (listed above), at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2000.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–81) Page S2586

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 13, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S2645–46.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—MISSILE DEFENSE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Office of External Affairs, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Independent Agencies, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Ellen Lazar, Director, and Maurice Jones, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, both of the Community Development Financial Institutions; and Andrea Kidd Taylor, Board Member, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigations Board. Testimony was also received from Karyn L. Molnar, KPMG, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

### INSURANCE AGENT LICENSING REFORMS

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings on multi-state insurance agent licensing reforms and the creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, after receiving testimony from Terri M. Vaughan, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Clare Farragher, New Jersey General Assembly, Trenton, on behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators; Robert A.

Gleason, Jr., Gleason Agency, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; and Ronald A. Smith, Smith, Sawyer, and Smith, Inc., Rochester, Indiana, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America.

### INTERNET TAXATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2255, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006, after receiving testimony from Representative Cox; Utah Governor Michael Leavitt, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the National Governors' Association and the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce; John Berthoud, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; Donald Bruce, University of Tennessee Center for Business and Economic Research, Knoxville; David Bullington, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; Burr Morse, Morse Farm Sugar Works, Montpelier, Vermont; and Jonathan Zittrain, Harvard University Law School Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### COLUMBIA RIVER HYDROPOWER OPERATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded oversight hearings to examine federal actions affecting hydropower operations on the Columbia River system, after receiving testimony from Brig. Gen. Carl A. Strock, USA, Division Engineer, Northwestern Division, Army Corps of Engineers; Stephen J. Wright, Senior Vice President, Corporate, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; William Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and J. William McDonald, Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

### RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings to examine issues dealing with the Russian presidential elections, receiving testimony from Steven R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; and Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, former National Security Advisor, and Thomas E. Graham, Jr. and Michael A. McFaul, both of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### CASPIAN SEA ENERGY RESOURCES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings on the status of infrastructure projects for Caspian Sea energy resources, focusing on offshore drilling, natural gas reserves, the Turkish market, and oil reserve development, after receiving testimony from John S. Wolf, Special Adviser to the President and Secretary of State for Caspian Basin Energy Diplomacy; David L. Goldwyn, Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs; Ralph Alexander, BP Amoco Corporation, London, England; and J. Robinson West, Petroleum Finance Company, and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

### WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT AND MULTILATERAL EXPORT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Wassenaar arrangement, a multilateral export control regime for conventional arms and sensitive dual-use goods and technologies, and the future of multilateral export controls, after receiving testimony from John D. Holum, Senior Adviser for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; and Stephen J. Hadley, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Henry D. Sokolski, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war;

H. Con. Res. 269, commending the Library of Congress and its staff for 200 years of outstanding service to the Congress and the Nation and encouraging the American public to participate in bicentennial activities; and

The nominations of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; John Antoon II, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; Marianne O. Battani, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; David M. Lawson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; and Mark Reid Tucker, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

**ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts resumed hearings on alleged Chinese espionage issues, focusing on the plea-bargain agreement reached in the case of Peter Lee, receiving testimony from John C. Keeney, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Michael Liebman, Line Attorney, and John Dion, Acting Chief, Internal Security Section, all of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2311, to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and the quality of health care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2366, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Mel Carnahan and Scott O. Wright, both of Missouri, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and Marc Racicot, of

Montana, and Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded hearings on campaign finance reform proposals, focusing on compelled political speech, First Amendment protection, and federal labor law interpretations, after receiving testimony from Laurence E. Gold, AFL-CIO, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, and David S. Fortney, all of Washington, D.C.; Leo Troy, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey; Kenneth F. Boehm, National Legal and Policy Center, McLean, Virginia; and Robert P. Hunter, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, Michigan.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS MANAGEMENT REFORM**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the report of the National Academy of Public Administration on the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs management reform, after receiving testimony from Royce Hanson, Panel Chair and Academy Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Eddie F. Brown, Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work/Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, St. Louis, Missouri; and John L. O'Donnell, Jr., Law Offices of John L. O'Donnell, Los Angeles, California.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Bills Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 4245–4264; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 98, H. Con. Res. 303–306, and H. Res. 476, were introduced.

**Pages H2238–39**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of H.R. 3439, to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from establishing rules authorizing the operation of new, low power FM radio stations (H. Rept. 106–575);

H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of H.R. 4199, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (H. Rept. 106–576);

Conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (H. Rept. 106–577).

H. Res. 474, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the

congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (H. Rept. 106–578); and

H. Res. 475, providing for consideration of H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006 (H. Rept. 106–579).

**Pages H2206–36, H2237–38**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Chip Lingle of Savannah, Georgia.

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**Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. By a ye and nay vote of: 234 yeas to 192 nays, with 2/3 required for passage, Roll No. 119.

**Pages H2131–47**

H. Res. 471, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H2128–31**

**Clean Lakes Program:** The House passed H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program by a ye and nay vote of 420 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 120.

**Pages H2149–56, H2163–64**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

**Page H2156**

Agreed to the Traficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made products and requires a report on expenditures on foreign-made items within 180 days of the purchase.

**Pages H2155–56**

Withdrawn:

Stupak amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit the sale of fresh water from the Great Lakes.

**Pages H2153–55**

H. Res. 468, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H2147–48**

**Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act:** The House passed H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 121.

**Pages H2156–63, H2164**

Agreed to the Traficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made products and requires a report on expenditures on foreign-made items within 180 days of the purchase. **Page H2163**

H. Res. 470, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H2148–49**

**Suspension—Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003 by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 122. The motion was debated on Tuesday, March 11.

**Pages H2164–65**

**Spring District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 303, providing for the adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

**Page H2165**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

**Page H2206**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on page H2240.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2146–47, H2163–64, H2164, and H2165. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL FARM POLICY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on Review of federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Report of Overseas Presence Advisory Panel. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Felix G. Rohatyn, U.S. Ambassador to France; and the following members of the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel, Department of State: Lewis Kaden, Chairman; former Ambassador Langhorne Motley, and Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN (Ret.).

## LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

## VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## AMERICA'S PRIVATE INVESTMENT COMPANIES ACT; NEW MARKETS INITIATIVE ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2764, America's Private Investment Companies Act; and H.R. 2848, New Markets Initiative Act of 1999.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3383, amended, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 1236, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; and a measure to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health.

The Subcommittee failed to approve for full Committee consideration H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4055, IDEA Full Funding Act of 2000; and H.R. 3629, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

The Committee also continued markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

## FEHBP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "The Failure of the FEHBP Demonstration Project: Another Broken Promise?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Moran of Virginia, and Norwood; William E. Flynn, Director, Retirement and Insurance Programs, OMB; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Carrato, USN, U.S. Public Health Service, Director, Military Health Systems Operations, Tricare Management Activity, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## HAITI—EMERGING DRUG THREAT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on the Emerging Drug Threat from Haiti. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Don Steinberg, Special Haiti Coordinator, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carl Alexandre, Director, Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training, Criminal Division; and Michael Vigil, Senior Agent in Charge, Miami, DEA; John Varrone, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Rear Adm. Ed. J. Barrett, USCG, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force East, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

## PROPOSED COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF PRIVACY PROTECTION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Legislative Hearing to Establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## "REINVENTING PAPERWORK?: THE CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD ON PAPERWORK REDUCTION"

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Reinventing Paperwork?: The Clinton-Gore Administration's Record on Paperwork Reduction". Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; John T. Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, OMB; Nancy Kingsbury, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Division, GAO; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Law, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### U.S.-EUROPEAN UNION RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on United States-European Union Relations: The View from the European Parliament. Testimony was heard via video conference from the following Members of the European Parliament: Mel Read, Chairperson, Karla Peijs, Vice Chairman, both with the Delegation for Relations with the U.S.; Elmar Brok, Chairman, Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, And Common Security and Defense Policy; and Carlos Wesendorp y Cabeza, Chairman, Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 449, congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multi-party electoral process; and H.R. 3879, amended, Sierra Leone Peace Support Act.

#### DEMOCRACY IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Democracy in the Central Asian Republics. Testimony was heard from Donald Pressley, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, AID, Department of State; Paul Goble, Director of Communications, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, USIA; and public witnesses.

#### SOUTH VIETNAM—HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND POLITICAL OPPRESSION

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 295, relating to continuing human rights violations and political oppression in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 25 years after the fall of South Vietnam to Communist forces.

#### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: the Bureau of Competition of the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### TECHNOLOGY WORKER TEMPORARY RELIEF ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4227, Technology Worker Temporary Relief Act.

#### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on Compromising our National Security by Restricting Domestic Exploration and Development of our Oil and Gas Resources. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay, Gekas, Largent and Fosella; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Bob Gee, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### DATE CERTAIN TAX CODE REPLACEMENT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read and that the text of H.R. 4230 be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Largent.

#### RADIO BROADCASTING PRESERVATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000. The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives clause 7 of rules XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin, Oxley, Dingell, Rush and Barrett of Wisconsin.

## CONFERENCE REPORT—CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich.

## RURAL LOCAL BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte.

## NASA'S MARS PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on NASA's Mars Program After the Young Report. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FIRE GRANTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Fire Grants: H.R. 1168, Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act; and H.R. 3155, Firefighter's Local-Federal Assistance for Management of Emergencies Act; and the Administration's Proposal for Assistance to Firemen. Testimony was heard from Senators DeWine and Dodd; Representatives Pascrell, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Gekas, Smith of Michigan and Hoyer; Kenneth O. Burris, Chief Op-

erating Officer, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA; Robert A. McGuire, Deputy Associate Administrator, Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

## GREAT LAKES SEDIMENT REMEDIATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 3670, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes program. Testimony was heard from Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

## VA HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on status of recruitment, retention and compensation of the VA health care workforce including nurses, physicians and dentists. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Clark, Chief Network Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## FUNDAMENTAL TAX REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Continued hearings on fundamental tax reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives English, Armev, Tauzin and Traficant; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## NSA LEGAL AUTHORITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on NSA Legal Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representative Barr of Georgia, George J. Tenet, Director, CIA, and Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense.

## Joint Meetings

### IMF/WORLD BANK REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to reform of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York, Adam Lerrick, Lerrick and Company, Inc, Barrytown, New York, and Jerome Levinson, American University, Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the International Financial Institution Advisory Committee.

### 2000 BUDGET

*Conferees:* On Tuesday, April 11, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed

versions of H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Foreign Operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings on the structure of securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to resume hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the

benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water; H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976; S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals; and S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on the proposed Mother Teresa Religious Worker Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing and markup of H.R. 2962, Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act; and to mark up H.R. 1275, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the interstate movement of live birds for the purpose of having the birds participate in animal fighting, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA, and U.S. Institute of Peace, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine, to consider recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, 1 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to consider recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, hearing on Abuse of the NTSB Rapidraft Payment System, 10 a.m., Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3301, Children's Health Research and Prevention Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review U.S. Enrichment Corporation privatization and its impact on the domestic uranium industry, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3525, Religious Broadcasting Freedom Act; and H.R. 4201, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000, 12:45 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to continue markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 464, expressing the sense of Congress on international recognition of Israel's Magen David Adom Society and its symbol the Red Shield of David; H. Res. 449, congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multi-party electoral process; H.R. 4228, Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea Act; H. Con. Res. 230, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the continued egregious violations of human rights and the lack of progress toward the establishment of democracy and the rule of law in Belarus and calling on President Alexander Lukashenka to engage in negotiations with the representatives of the opposition and to restore the constitutional rights of the Belarusian people; H.R. 4022, Russian Anti-Ship Missile Nonproliferation Act; H.R. 3879, Sierra Leone Peace Support Act; H.R. 3680, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to the adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers; H. Con. Res. 295, relating to continuing human rights violations and political oppression in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 25 years after the fall of South Vietnam to Communist forces; H. Con. Res. 251, commending the Republic of Croatia for the conduct of its parliamentary and presidential elections; H.R. 4053, United States-Southeastern Europe Democratization and Burdensharing Act; and the Cross-Border Cooperation and Environmental Safety in Northern Europe Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Children's Rights in Cuba, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to consider authorizing the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum to the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 3485, Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act; 1:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 755, Guam War Restitution Act; and H.R. 2462, Guam Omnibus Opportunities Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3535, Shark Finning Prohibition Act, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2773, Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 2950, Oregon Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2778, Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 1999; H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretive center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina; and H.R. 3676, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Wireless Internet Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on OSHA's Proposed Ergonomics Standard and its Impact on Small Business, 10:15 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on VA adjudication of Hepatitis C claims, and the following bills: H.R. 1020, Veterans' Hepatitis C Benefits Act; H.R. 3816, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that a stroke or heart attack that is incurred or aggravated by a member of a reserve component in the performance of duty while performing inactive duty training shall be considered to be service-connected for purposes of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3998, Veterans' Special Monthly Compensation Gender Equity Act; and H.R. 4131, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue hearings on fundamental tax reform, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: executive, hearing on Building Capabilities: The Challenges of Managing Intelligence Community Personnel Resources, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the recognition of six Senators for speeches, and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will continue in morning business for debate with regard to H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act.

At 2 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on pending Amendment No. 3090 to H.R. 6 (listed above). Also, Senate expects to consider the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001 (rule waiving points of order, one hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act (closed rule, one hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act (open rule, one hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act (closed rule, one hour of debate).

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